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SUBJECT: U.S. CITIZENS IN UGANDA

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1. IN FEBRUARY 8 MEETING AT AMEMBASSY NAIROBI, FRG KAMPALA AMBASSADOR ELLERKMANN PRESENTED LIST OF AMERICAN RESIDENTS IN UGANDA COMPILED BY FRG EMBASSY THERE, AND RECEIVED IN TURN AMEMBASSY NAIROBI'S LIST. FRG LIST TOTALS 284 INDIVIDUALS (INCLUDING WIVES AND CHILDREN), NAIROBI'S LIST TOTALS 149 INDIVIDUALS AND HEADS OF HOUSEHOLDS (BUT DOES NOT INDICATE NUMBER OF DEPENDENTS). FRG LIST WAS COMPILED FROM INFORMATION, MUCH OF IT WORD-OF MOUTH, GATHERED FROM AMERICANS KNOWN TO FRG EMBASSY KAMPALA. POST'S LIST OS COMPILED FROM OLD AMEMBASSY KAMPALA REGISTRATION FILES AND NEW CARDS FROM SUBSEQUENT PASSPORT/ REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS. FROM FIRST GLANCE AT FRG LIST, POST HAS IDENTIFIED SEVERAL PERSONS KNOWN BY US TO HAVE DEPARTED UGANDA. FRG EMBASSY ESTIMATES PERHAPS 40 AMERICANS NOT ON THEIR LIST ARE IN UGANDA AS WIVES OF UGANDANS OR AS AIR CREWS FOR UGANDAN AIRLINES. FRG KAMPALA AND POST NOW WORKING ON CONSOLIDATED AND HOPEFULLY REASONABLY CORRECT LISTING. FOR MONENT, HOWEVER, POST BELIEVES BEST ESTIMATE NUMBER OF AMERICANS LIVING IN UGANDA IS 240. WHILE EXACT BREAKDOWN DIFFICULT, EVEN FROM EXCELLENT FRG LIST, IT APPEARS THAT VAST MAJORITY ARE

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MISSIONARIES, WITH TEN OR SO BUSINESSMEN AND HANDFUL OF U.N. OFFICIALS. PROTESTANTS APPEARS TO OUTNUMBER CATHOLICS BY 2 TO 1.

2. POST CONSULAR OFFICER DISCUSSED WITH FRG AMBASSADOR DEVELOPMENT OF JOINT E & E PLAN. THREE POSSIBLE EVENTUALITIES ARE A) EMERGENCY REQUIRING EVACUATION OF BOTH GERMAN AND AMERICAN CITIZENS; B)

EMERGENCY REQUIRING EVACUATION OF AMERICANS ONLY; C) EMERGENCY REQUIRING EVACUATION OF GERMANS ONLY AND SUBSEQUENT CLOSING OF FRG EMBASSY IN KAMPALA. AMB. ELLERKMANN AND CONSULAR OFFICER AGREED THAT ONCE LIST OF AMERICANS IS IN FINAL FORM, POST WILL DESIGNATE REGIONAL COORDINATORS AMONG AMERICAN COMMUNITY, INFORMING AND ASKING THEM TO SERVE IN THIS CAPACITY THROUGH CONTACTS MADE BY FRG EMBASSY. FRG EMBASSY WILL THEN APPOINT COUNTERPART COORDINATORS FROM AMONG ITS OFFICERS, TO WORK ON PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL BASIS WITH AMERICAN COORDINATORS IN PLANNING HYPOTHETICAL EVACUATION.

3. ACCORDING TO FRG AMBASSADOR, BULK OF GERMAN NATIONALS ARE LOCATED IN KAMPALA AND EASTERN UGANDA, WHILE BULK OF AMERICANS ARE LOCATED AWAY FROM KAMPALA AND TO THE WEST. HE SUGGESTS AUTOMOBILE CONVOYS AS SAFER EVACUATION MEANS THAN AIRCRAFT. FOR AMERICAN-ONLY EVACUATION, FRG OFFICERS WILL ORGANIZE EFFORTS. IN COMBINED EXODUS, AMERICAN WILL BE ASKED TO JOIN GERMAN EFFORT IN AREAS WHERE GERMANS PREDOMINATE, AND VICE-VERSA. POST WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS ON THESE IDEAS.

4. IN EVENT OF EVACUATION BY GERMANS ONLY AND CLOSING OF FRG EMBASSY,

AMB. ELLERKMANN SUGGEST DEPARTMENT ASK EGYPTIAN OR SAUDI EMBASSY TO ASSUME ROLE OF PROTECTING POWER FOR U.S. INTERESTS. HE THOUGHT EGYPTIAN EMBASSY PREFERABLE BECAUSE OF THEIR GOOD RELATIONS WITH PLO ELEMENTS, PRESENTLY REPRESENTED IN UGANDA.

5. WITH DEPARTMENT'S CONCURRENCE, POST REQUESTS BONN TO ADVISE FRG FOREIGN MINISTRY THAT ANALYSIS OF NUMBER, OCCUPATIONS AND RELIGIOUS AFFILIATIONS OF AMERICANS IN UGANDA HAS BEEN DONE BY CONFIDENTIAL

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NAIROBI FROM FRG LIST, AND SUBMITTED TO DEPARTMENT. THIS SUGGESTION MADE TO SAVE FRG KAMPALA FROM ADDITIONAL WORK. MARSHALL

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